

be used as a means of escape must be able to be readily removed or opened. It must be possible to open or remove the covering or protection without anyone's having to go onto a weather deck. It may be necessary to break the glass of a window or porthole before removing or opening the covering or protection.

## PART 128—MARINE ENGINEERING: EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

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### Subpart A—General

#### § 128.110 Equipment and systems.

(a) Except as provided by this part, the design, installation, testing, and inspection of materials, machinery, pressure vessels, and piping must comply with subchapter F of this chapter.

(b) This part contains requirements for equipment and systems commonly found on an OSV. If additional or unique systems, such as for low-temperature cargoes, are to be installed,

they too must comply with subchapter F of this chapter.

#### § 128.120 Plan approval.

The plans required by subchapter F of this chapter need not be submitted if the plans required by § 127.110(d) of this subchapter have been.

#### § 128.130 Vital systems.

(a) Vital systems are those systems that are vital to a vessel's survivability and safety. For the purpose of this subchapter, the following are vital systems:

- (1) Systems for fill, transfer, and service of fuel oil.
- (2) Fire-main systems.
- (3) Fixed gaseous fire-extinguishing systems.
- (4) Bilge systems.
- (5) Ballast systems.
- (6) Steering systems and steering-control systems.
- (7) Propulsion systems and their necessary auxiliaries and control systems.
- (8) Systems for transfer and control of cargo, for integral tanks or fixed independent tanks, in compliance with § 125.110 of this subchapter.
- (9) Ship's service and emergency electrical-generation systems and their auxiliaries vital to the vessel's survivability and safety.
- (10) Any other marine-engineering system identified by the cognizant OCMi as crucial to the survival of the vessel or to the protection of the personnel aboard.

(b) For the purpose of this subchapter, a system not identified by paragraph (a) of this section is a non-vital system.

### Subpart B—Materials and Pressure Design

#### § 128.210 Class II vital systems—materials.

Except as provided by §§ 128.230 and 128.240 of this subpart, instead of complying with part 56 of this chapter, materials used in Class II vital piping-systems may be accepted by the cognizant OCMi or the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center, if shown to provide a level of safety equivalent to materials in subpart 56.60 of this chapter.